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SUBJECT: POPULAR COMMITTEES AND THE OIL COMPANIES

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1. LAR PRESS, RADIO AND TV APRIL 23 CARRIED BRIEF ITEMS TO EFFECT POPULAR COMMITTEES " TOOK CONTROL" OF AMOCO AND OF PTT. (FBIS M231258 REFERS TO AMOCO, WE ASSUME.) ECON OFFICER DISCUSSED SITUATION APRIL 24 WITH AMOCO PRESIDENT FRENCH AND WITH SENIOR FSL WHO IS FORMER PTT EMPLOYEE.

2. FRENCH SAID THAT: THIRTY- MEMBER TRIPOLI STAFF HAD HELD MEETING APRIL 22 TO ELECT POPULAR COMMITTEE. ELECTION WENT OFF SMOOTHLY, WITH LOYAL AND INTELLIGENT SENIOR LOCAL, MUHAMMAD SALEH, TAKING CONTROL. WITH ONE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION, ALL MEMBERS OF AMOCO POPULAR COMMITTEE ARE SERIOUS, LOYAL AND NOT RADICAL. PM JALLUD SAT IN ON MEETING, APPEARED GRATIFIED WITH SMOOTH ELECTION PROCESS. HE EXPLAINED TO COMMITTEE THEIR JOB IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO DERUPT OPERATIONS OF OIL COMPANY PRIMARILY A) TO FERRET OUT EMPLOYEES OF COMPANY DISLOYAL TO THE REVOLUTION, AND B) MAKE
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CERTAIN THAT BOOKS AND MAGAZINES IN COMPANY LIBRARY
ARE NOT OFFENSIVE TO LIBYAN REVOLUTION OR PRINCIPLES

OF ISLAM. BY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 23, AMOCO POPULAR
COMMITTEE HAD A) OBTAINED RCC APPROVAL OF ITS MEMBER-
SHIP; B) PROVIDED RCC WITH MEMORANDUM CONFIRMING
LOYALTY OF ALL AMOCO EMPLOYEES; AND C) CERTIFIED THAT
ALL BOOKS AND PERIODICALS IN COMPANY LIBRARY CONFORMED
TO PRINCIPLES OF REVOLUTION AND ISLAM. FRENCH SAID HE
VERY GRATIFIED WITH PROCEEDINGS AND WITH LOYALTY OF
AMOCO EMPLOYEES AND ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEMS. HIS
SENIOR LOCAL INTERPRETED MEDIA STATEMENTS OUT
" TAKEOVER" AT AMOCO AS MEANING COMPANY POPULCOMMITTEE
ONE OF FIRST, TOGETHER WITH PTT, TO BE APPROVED BY RCC
AND SO PUBLICIZED.

3. EMBASSY FSL, WHO IS FORMER PTT EMPLOYEE, CONFIRMED
THIS INTERPRETATION. HE SAID HIS FORMER PTT COLLEAGUES
HAD ELECTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY RCC
AND RECEIVED COMMENDATION FOR BEING FIRST (TOGETHER WITH
AMOCO COMMITTEE) TO ORGANITE AND BE APPROVED BY RCC.
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